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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 8, 2001, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method for identifying an inhibitor of bitter taste comprising
 (i) contacting a taste receptor with a G-protein, selected from the group consisting of transducin and gustducin, and a bitter tastant, under conditions suitable for activation of the G-protein by the bitter tastant, and measuring the level of G-protein activation; (ii) in

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